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SUBJ: 29TH UNGA--THIRD COMMITTEE, DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (ITEM 53A)

1. GENERAL DEBATE THIS ITEM SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE TUESDAY, OCT 8.
PRESUME CHAIR WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO CONSIDERATION E/RES/1863.
UAR REP (WHO PLAYED KEY ROLE IN ECOSOC DRAFTING) LOBBYING ACTIVITY
TO PRECLUDE ANY AMENDMENT TO DRAFT AND NOW BELIEVES IT WILL
BE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS IN ITS PRESENT FORM.

2. HOWEVER WE AWARE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT WHICH MIGHT SURFACE. IN
COURSE OF STATEMENT OCT 1, WHICH NOW OUT IN SUMMARY RECORD, GDR
INDICATED IT WOULD PROPOSE AMENDMENT TO PARA 6 WHICH WOULD APPEAL
TO GOVTS WHICH HAD MADE INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA TO WITHDRAW
THEM OR TO BRING THEIR INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON THEIR NATIONALS
WHO ACTED AS PRIVATE INVESTORS TO DO SO.

3. WE HAVE ASKED THREE EUROPEAN DELS HOW THEY WOULD VOTE IN
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EVENT EAST GERMAN RES SHOULD BE TABLED, WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS:

UK, WHICH HAS LARGEST INVESTMENT IN SA, WOULD NOT BE INCLINED TO VOTE AGAINST AND WOULD PREFER NO VOTE IF IT COULD BE AVOIDED. IF IT COULD NOT, UK WOULD ABSTAIN ON AMENDMENT AND VOTE FOR RES AS AMENDED. IT WOULD THEN ADD THIS POINT TO TWO OTHERS ON WHICH IT WOULD CITE ITS RESERVATIONS IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE; THE OTHER TWO BEING PARA 5(B), CONVENTION ON APARTHEID, AND PARA 5(F), INADMISSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETIC EVENTS WITH SOUTH AFRICANS. FRG, WHILE NOT ABLE TO GIVE FINAL VIEWS WITHOUT CONSULTING FIRST WITH EC-9 PARTNERS, WOULD PREFER TO VOTE AGAINST IF AMENDMENT CAME TO VOTE, WHILE GOING ALONG WITH CONSENSUS ON AMENDED RES. FRANCE, WOULD ABSTAIN ON SEPARATE VOTE, BUT WOULD GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS ON AMENDED RES.

4. WE HAVE NOT SEEN DRAFT OF THIS POSSIBLE AMENDMENT AND, AS INDICATED ABOVE, IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT IT WILL ACTUALLY BE TABLED. WOULD NEVERTHELESS APPRECIATE DEPT'S GUIDANCE.

5. POSITION PAPER ON THIS ITEM (SD/A/C.3/449) STATES THAT "US DEL SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE IN THE COURSE OF ITS COMMENTS ON THE RES, BRIEFLY NOTE FOR THE RECORD THE RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY THE US ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS REGARDING THE APARTHEID CONVENTION." US DEL RECOGNIZES THAT THIS WAS ONLY POINT IN THIS RES ON WHICH WE EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS IN ECOSOC, BUT REQUEST GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER US SHOULD ALSO STATE IN THIRD COMMITTEE RESERVATIONS REGARDING PARA 5(F) RE INADMISSIBILITY OF MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES WITH REPS OF SA AND GUIDANCE ON PARA 6(B) WHICH URGES ALL STATES TO ENSURE, INTER ALIA, "FULL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE, MORALLY AND MATERIALLY, TO THE PEOPLES WHICH ARE VICTIMS OF APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND TO BE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS." WE DRAW DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION PARTICULARLY TO THE LAST PHRASE.

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